Lotus spp. (Fabaceae.) 35471-472. Plants from St. Andrews, Scotland. Collected by Mr. G. W. Oliver of this Bureau. A large form and a dwarf variety both "found growing near the seashore among grasses of a turfy nature and found on the golf links where they compete with the closely clipped grasses." (Oliver.) For distribution later.

Nicotiana tabacum. (Solanaceae.) 35642. Seed of to-bacco, from Tsinanfu, Shantung, China. "A good broad leaved variety of tobacco, called 'Yen ye'. Able to withstand climates with very dry air: also does not object to a fair percentage of alkali in the soil or irrigation water." (Meyer's introduction.) For distribution later.

Persea americana. (Lauraceae.) 35673-676. Seeds of avocado from San Jose, Costa Rica. Presented by Mr. Otion Jiminez L., Chief, Department of Botany, National Museum. Two varieties, one described as having fruit "30 cm. (12 inches) in length and 10 cm. (4 inches) in width at its widest part. It is one of the largest varieties in Costa Rica. It is of delicious flavor and is called butter avocado (aguacate de mantequilla.)" The other is smaller, ovoid, and about 10-12 cm. in diameter. For distribution later.

Phoenix dactylifera. (Phoenicaceae.) 35573-574. Seeds of dates from Heyel, Central Arabia. Presented by Mr. Emil Sauer, American Consul, Bagdad, Mesopotamia. The varieties "Shakra" and "Sukkari" from the interior of the Arabian peninsula, both varieties occurring only at Heyel, from which place the difficulties of transportation make the introduction of offshoots practically impossible. For distribution later.

 $Prunus\ sp.$  (Amydalaceae.) 35640. Seeds of cherry from Peking, China. "A small, sweet early cherry, apparently rare, appearing on the Peking market early in May. The Chinese name is 'Ying tau'r'." (Meyer's introduction.) For distribution later.

Solanum melongena (Solanaceae.) 35635. Seeds of an eggplant from Laoling, Shantung, China. "A variety of eggplant, bearing large, round fruits of a white color. Very rare, even locally. Chinese name 'Pai che tze'." (Meyer's introduction.) For distribution later.

 $Solanum \ spp.$  Solanaceae.) 35491-569. Tubers and seeds of potatoes from Chile. Collected by Mr. W. F.